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MARINE

AMY ROSE and
CREAM

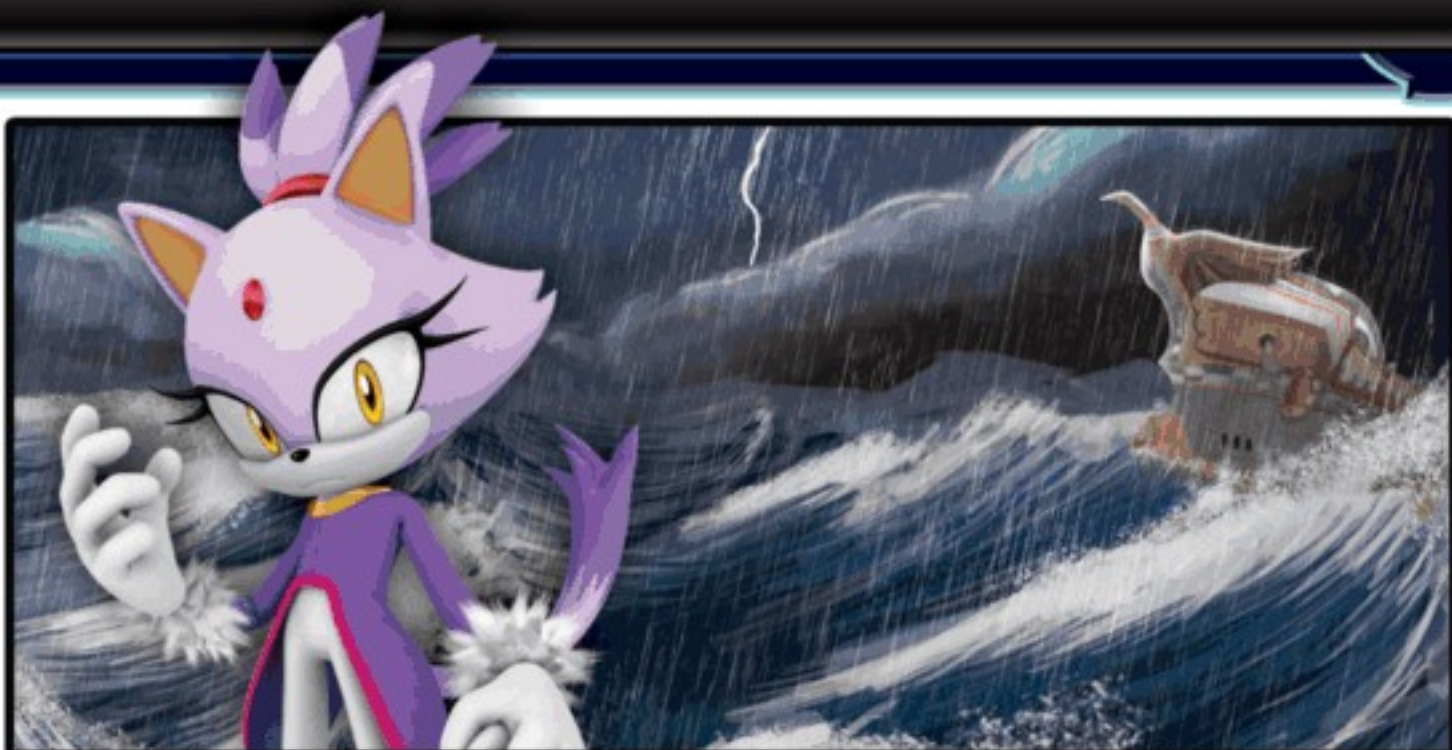
BARK and BEAN

you
ARRRRR READY?

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With the vast sea lying before them, Amy Rose, Cream and Cheese, Blaze the Cat and Marine the Raccoon sail into adventure, not knowing that trouble is drifting just around the corner...



WHO'S WHO



BLAZE THE CAT
GUARDIAN OF THE
SOL EMERALDS



AMY ROSE
HAMMER-SWINGING
HEROINE

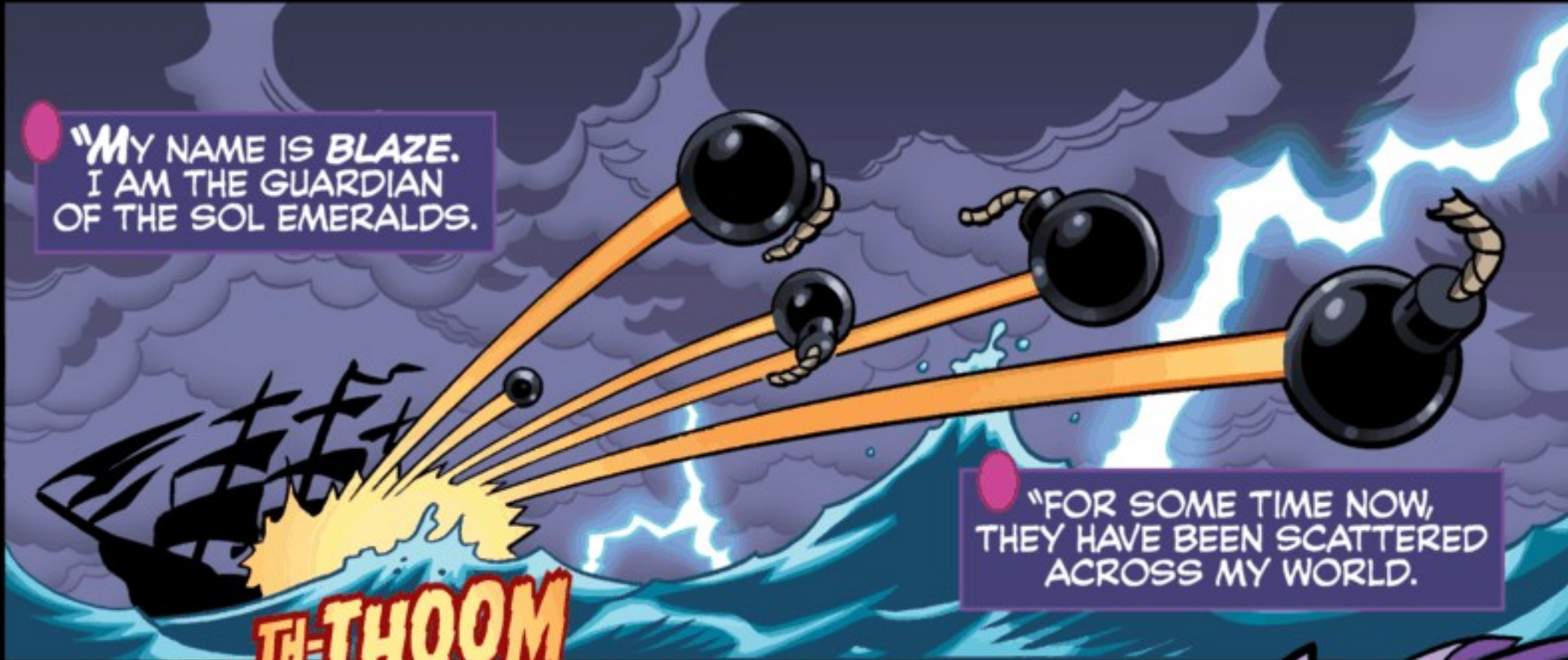


CREAM THE RABBIT
WITH CHEESE
THE CHAO



MARINE THE RACCOON
CAPTAIN OF THE
OCEAN TORNADO

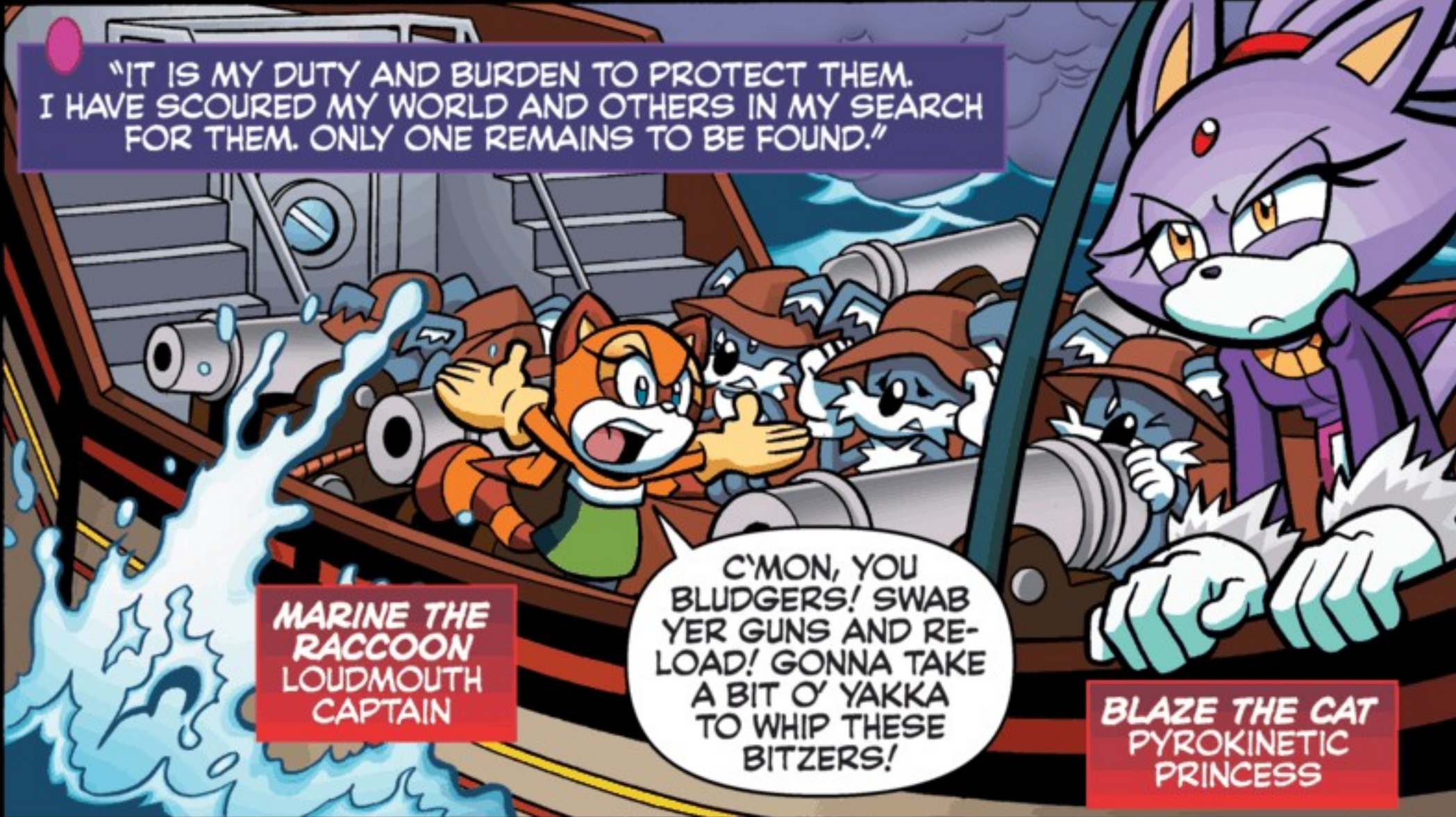
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"MY NAME IS **BLAZE**.
I AM THE GUARDIAN
OF THE SOL EMERALDS.

"FOR SOME TIME NOW,
THEY HAVE BEEN SCATTERED
ACROSS MY WORLD.

TH-THOOM

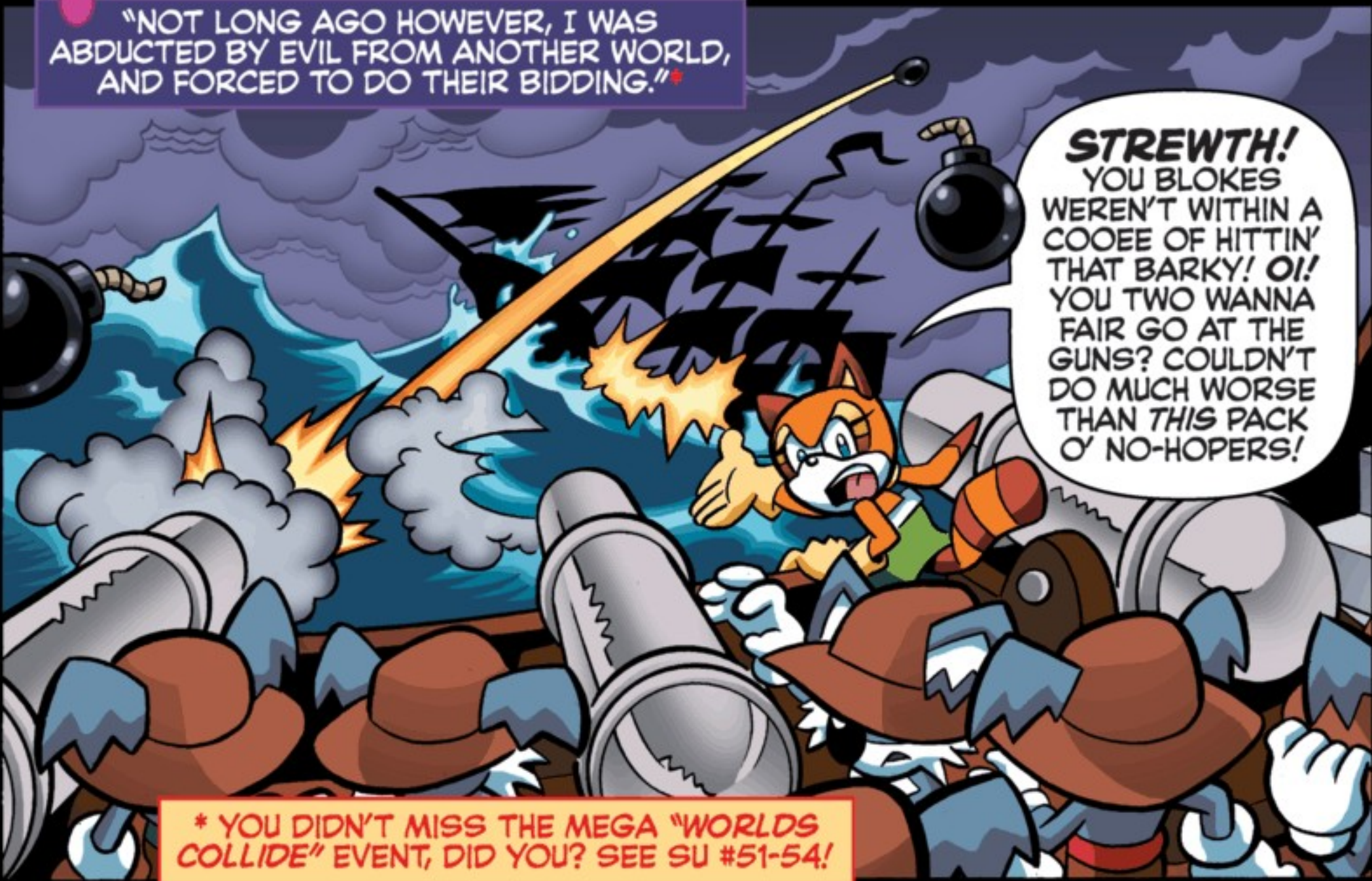


"IT IS MY DUTY AND BURDEN TO PROTECT THEM.
I HAVE SCOURED MY WORLD AND OTHERS IN MY SEARCH
FOR THEM. ONLY ONE REMAINS TO BE FOUND."

**MARINE THE
RACCOON**
LOUDMOUTH
CAPTAIN

C'MON, YOU
BLUDGERS! SWAB
YER GUNS AND RE-
LOAD! GONNA TAKE
A BIT O' YAKKA
TO WHIP THESE
BITZERS!

BLAZE THE CAT
PYROKINETIC
PRINCESS



"NOT LONG AGO HOWEVER, I WAS
ABDUCTED BY EVIL FROM ANOTHER WORLD,
AND FORCED TO DO THEIR BIDDING."

STREWTH!
YOU BLOKES
WEREN'T WITHIN A
COOOE OF HITTIN'
THAT BARKY! OI!
YOU TWO WANNA
FAIR GO AT THE
GUNS? COULDN'T
DO MUCH WORSE
THAN *THIS* PACK
O' NO-HOPERS!

* YOU DIDN'T MISS THE MEGA "WORLDS
COLLIDE" EVENT, DID YOU? SEE SU #51-54!

"MY FRIENDS RESCUED ME AND NOW, SOMEHOW, THREE OF THEM WERE TRANSPORTED BACK TO MY WORLD, WITH MEMORIES OF THEIR HOME WORLD IN A FOG."

PIKO

CREAM and CHEESE
STOUT HEARTED FRIENDS

AMY ROSE
HERO FROM
ANOTHER
WORLD

I'LL STICK
WITH MY HAMMER
FOR NOW!

CREAM, YOU SHOULD
GO BELOW. THIS IS NO
PLACE FOR YOU OR
CHEESE RIGHT NOW.

BUT, MISS
AMY! I'D BE
ASHAMED TO
HIDE DURING A
BATTLE!

WELL, TO
HIDE **TOO**
MUCH, I
MEAN!

"IN THE WEEK SINCE WE
RETURNED, THEY HELPED ME
TRACK DOWN THE LAST
SOL EMERALD TO THIS
LOCATION."

I APPRECIATE
YOUR BRAVERY, CREAM.
BUT PERHAPS AMY
IS CORRECT.

"I'M GRATEFUL FOR MY
FRIENDS' HELP, BUT THE
SOL EMERALDS ARE
MY BURDEN."

"I WILL NOT SEE OTHERS
HURT IN HELPING ME
WITH MY DUTY."

C'MON, YOU
LUBBERS! AIM
THOSE PIECES
AND FIRE AS
SHE BEARS!

"BUT I ADMIT THEIR
COMPANY IS A COMFORT
AND I SENSE THEY ARE
MEANT TO BE HERE..."

WATCH
OUT, MISS
MARINE!

GOOD ON
YA' MATE! YOU
ROCKED UP
IN THE NICK
O' TIME!

"...ALMOST AS IF
THEY WERE CALLED
HERE BY THE
SOL EMERALDS."



PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC PART ONE



"THE LAST OF
WHICH IS CALLING
TO ME. IT IS IN THE
HANDS OF THOSE
BLACKGUARD
PIRATES."

"IF I FAIL TO
RETRIEVE THE LAST
SOL EMERALD... MY
WORLD WILL FALL."

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MARINE!
BRING US IN
CLOSE AND I'LL
BOARD HER!

YOU **LOST** IT?
YOU'LL COME A GUTSER
FOR SURE IF YOU TRY AND
TAKE ON THAT LOT O' YABBOS
ALL BY YERSELF!

MARINE'S RIGHT...
I THINK. YOU CAN'T
GO OVER THERE
ALONE!



THEY HAVE
THE LAST SOL
EMERALD.

I'LL GO ABOARD,
MELT THEIR SHIP TO
SLAG AND GET IT BACK!
NO ONE ELSE NEEDS TO
GET HURT FOR ME TO
FULFILL MY DUTY.

BUT MISS
BLAZE, WE'RE
HERE TO HELP
YOU!



YOU CAN
HELP ME BY
DOING AS I
ASK!



**WATCH
OUT!**

KRAASH



I'M SO
SORRY,
CREAM.

I LOST MY
TEMPER AND
PUT US ALL
IN DANGER!

FOCUS,
BLAZE!
FOCUS!

IT'S OKAY,
CREAM. THIS
IS HER WORLD
AND HER FIGHT.
LET'S HELP
HER WIN IT.

YES, MISS
AMY.





THEY'RE CHUCKIN' SOME BODGY LOOKIN' SHOT AT US. MORE LIKE A BOMB THAN YER USUAL CANNONBALL!

KINDA' WEIRD, I GUESS. FAMILIAR, TOO, SOMEHOW. BUT LET'S WORRY MORE ABOUT SENDING SOME BACK THEIR WAY!

PIKO



RIGHT-O, SHEILA! LET'S SHOW THESE BUCCANEERS HOW RIGHT SAILORS LOB A BALL! **READY...!**



VREEEE

AIM....!



FIRE.



TH-TH-TH-TH-TH-THOON



FROOSH

VWOOSH

BOOM

KRAK

PIKO

OI! YOU MONGRELS ARE DIRTYIN' UP ME PAINT-WORK!

KRASH

KRAKK

KRASH

KRASH

I THINK THE PAINTWORK IS THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES RIGHT NOW!

FSSSSSSST

CLANG

CLNG

CLNG

YEAH, THAT'D BE RIGHT.



FORE!

BOOM

FOUR? THAT WAS A BONZER HIT, MATE! A TEN FOR SURE!



LOOK! THE PIRATES HAVE STOPPED SHOOTING AT US! THAT WAS NICE OF THEM!

CHAO CHAO!

THIS IS MY CHANCE. YOU KEEP THEM DISTRACTED WHILE I BOARD THEM AND FIND THE EMERALD. FIRE A VOLLEY TO COVER MY TRAIL!



B-BOOM
B-BOOM



BE SAFE, MY FRIENDS!

YOU BLOKES KEEP FIRING! AMY AND CREAM COME WITH ME! I'VE GOT A RIPPER IDEA!

MISS AMY?

YES, CREAM?

I'M SCARED.

ME TOO.



I COULD MELT A HOLE IN THE HULL, BUT THAT WOULD SINK THE SHIP FOR SURE. DIVING FOR THE EMERALD IN A SUNKEN WRECK WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS.



BETTER USE STEALTH TO FIND IT FIRST... **THEN** SINK THE SHIP. SURELY NO ONE ABOARD IS DESERVING OF ANY MERCY.

Oh, NO.



MINE PURPUR PYROTECHNIK PRINZESSIN! WILLKOMMEN. BIENVENUE. WELCOME. C'YMON IN.

BEAN
DEMENTED
DYNAMITE
DUCK



STAY DOWN AND KEEP QUIET.

Oh, OKAY!

I SAID--
A MUM MUM
MUM MUM.
MUM IS THE
WORD!

Eh, COULD BE.

AMY, CREAM AND CHEESE. AND NOW YOU. I SUPPOSE YOUR FRIEND IS HERE AS WELL. Hmm. THIS IS STARTING TO MAKE SENSE. I WONDER IF THAT ABHORRENT TRIO OF BIRDS* WILL SHOW UP NEXT?

BUT OLD SNAGGLEFACE McSTEALYGRAB** HASN'T POPPED UP YET, SO WHO KNOWS?

*/** SEE SU #21-24



MEANWHILE, ABOARD
THE ENEMY VESSEL...

BEGGIN' YER
PARDON, CAP'N.
THE LOOKOUT SAW
A FIRE TRAIL AND
A STOWAWAY SLIP
ABOARD!

BE THAT
SO, MR.
BUCKLE?

BUCKLE
ROBOTIC
SCALLYWAG

MR. SWASH, BE
SO GOOD AS TO
PUT ME ON LOUD-
SPEAKERRR.

BOOM

LOUD-
SPEAKER IT
IS, CAP'N!
AYE, AYE!

SWASH
NEVER FAR FROM
BUCKLE'S SIDE

HOW DID YOU
END UP IN MY WORLD?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU
BEEN A PRISONER OF
THESE PIRATES?

NOT SURE HOW IT HAPPENED.
ONE MINUTE BARK AND I WERE
TRAIPSING ABOUT LIKE WE DO,
THEN, SUDDENLY...**POP!** WE
DROPPED INTO THE WIDE, WIDE
WORLD OF WATER HERE. WOULD
IT KILL YOU GUYS TO GET A
CONTINENT OR TWO?

ARRR,
THIS BE THE
CAPTAIN
SPEAKING...

IT SEEMS WE HAVE A STOWAWAY
IN OUR MIDST. WE SPIED A TRAIL
OF FIRE, SO METHINKS OUR UN-
INVITED GUEST MUST BE
PRINCESS BLAZE THE CAT.

HEY! HE
MEANS
YOU!

WELL, YER HIGHNESS,
SINCE YE'D RATHER
SKULK BELOW DECKS
INSTEAD OF COMING
ABOARD PROPER,
I'LL GIVE YE A
CHOICE.

GIVE YERSELF UP
NOW, OR I'LL BLOW
YER FRIENDS OUT OF
THE WATER. MAKE YER
CHOICE, LASSIE...I'LL
NOT WAIT LONG.

QUICKLY! PERHAPS
YOU CAN HELP. I
REMEMBER YOU HAD
A FONDNESS FOR
THE JEWEL I RE-
TRIEVED FROM
YOUR WORLD...

Oi VEY!
BUBELAH,
DON'T GET ME
STARTED!

HAVE
YOU SEEN
ONE
LIKE IT
ABOARD
THIS
SHIP?

YOU MEAN LIKE THE
SHINY BIG, SHINY RED,
SHINY JEWEL THAT THE
CAPTAIN KEEPS ON HIM
AT ALL TIMES AND IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO GET
AHOLD OF--NOT
THAT I'VE TRIED?

THAT'S IT! NOW GET YOURSELF OFF THIS SHIP WHILE I GET THE EMERALD BACK! I'LL FREE YOUR FRIEND BEFORE I SINK THE SHIP AND ALL THE PIRATE SCUM ABOARD HER.

FIERCE, FIERY, FUSCHIA FELINE THAT YOU ARE, I'LL NOT HAVE YOU INSULT MY SHIP-MATES!

WHAT?

Oh, BOYS! LOOKEE WHAT I GOT HE-AH!

YOU'RE WITH THE PIRATES?!

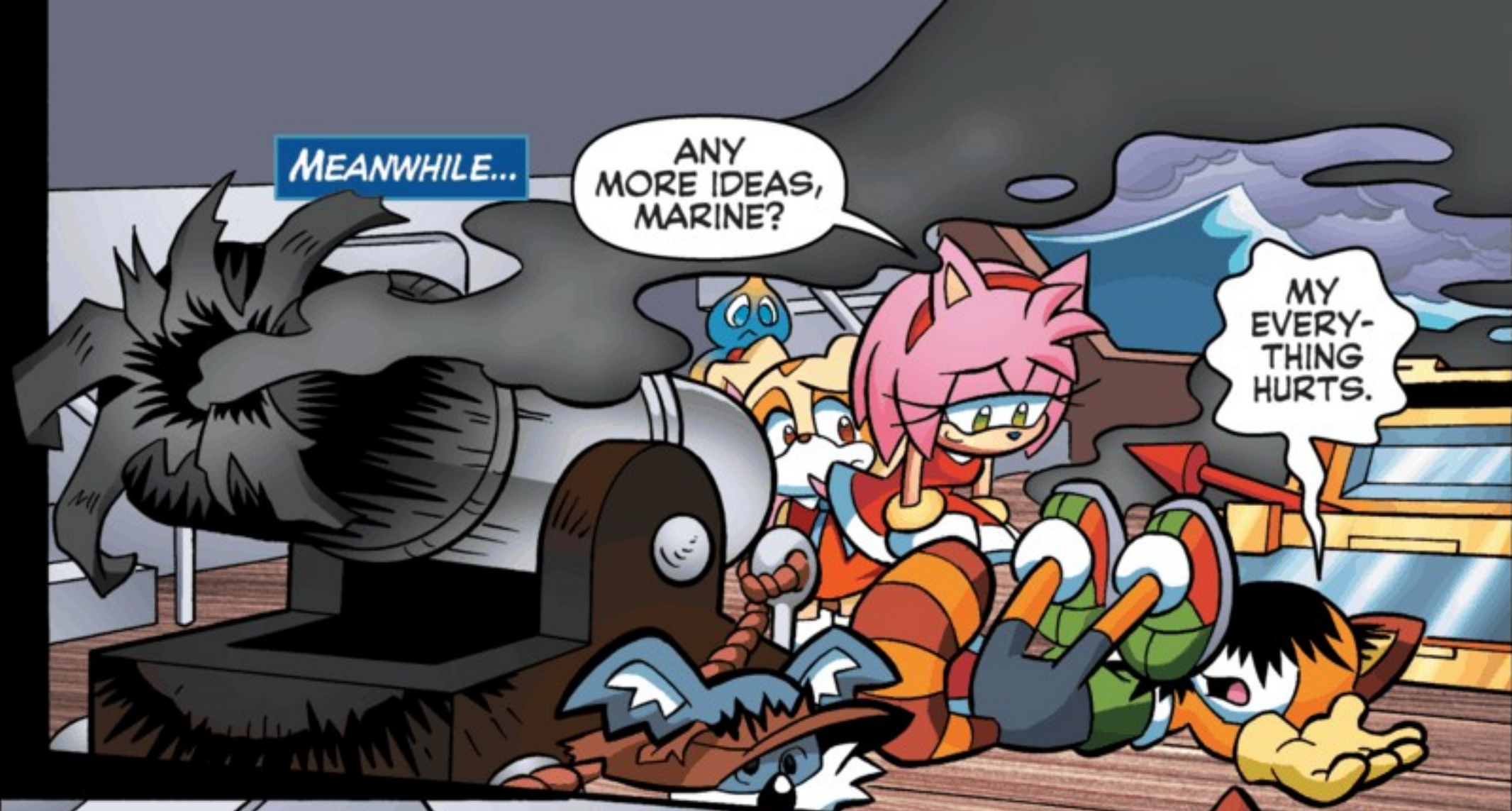
HELLLOOOO! LAST TIME WE MET, I WAS HANGING OUT WITH A BOUNTY HUNTING ASSASSIN! WHAT MADE YOU THINK I *WOULDN'T* TOSS IN MY LOT WITH THIS PACK OF LOVABLE NE'ER-DO-WELLS?!

VERY WELL...

YOU CAN SHARE THEIR FATE.

Oh, GOODY! I **LOVE** FATE! I HOPE THERE'S ENOUGH TO GO AROUND!

VWOOSH



MEANWHILE...

ANY
MORE IDEAS,
MARINE?

MY
EVERY-
THING
HURTS.



CAPTAIN
MARINE!
CAPTAIN
MARINE!

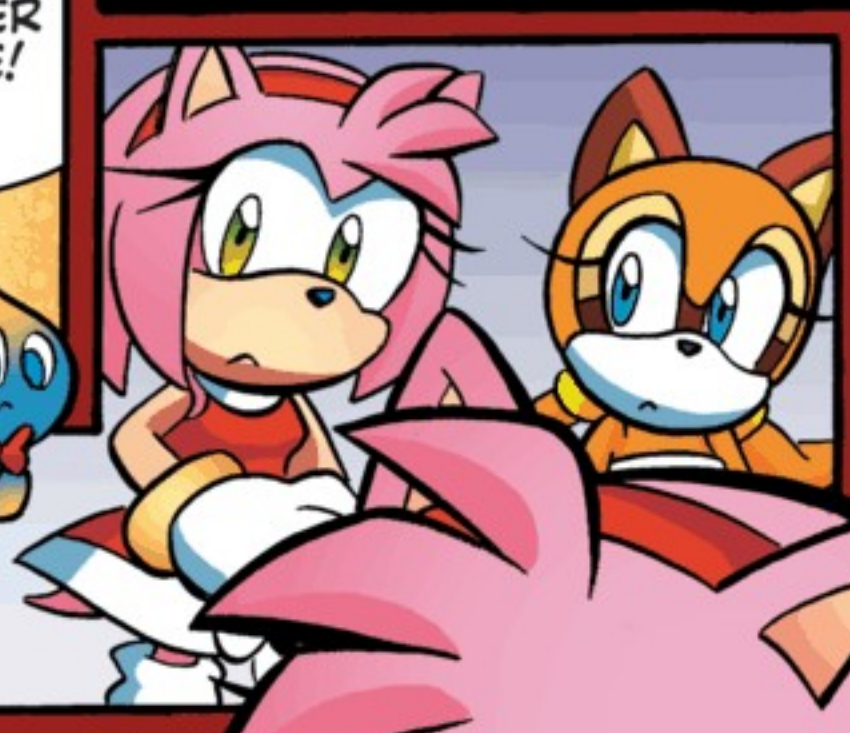
DON'T GET
OFF YER BIKE!
WHAT'S THE
MATTER?

WE'VE BEEN
HIT BELOW THE
WATERLINE, AND
WE'RE TAKING ON
WATER FASTER
THAN WE CAN
PUMP IT OUT!



WELL THAT'S
JUST ACE! THE
BARKY'S SINKING
UNDER OUR FEET
AND BLAZE IS OVER
THERE ALL ALONE!
WHAT DO WE
DO NOW?!

IT MIGHT BE A
TAD RUDE, BUT I SAY
WE **RAM** THEM. IT'S
WHAT MR. SONIC
WOULD DO.



YOU'RE RIGHT, CREAM!
SONIC WOULD GO DOWN
FIGHTING, AND SO
SHOULD WE!



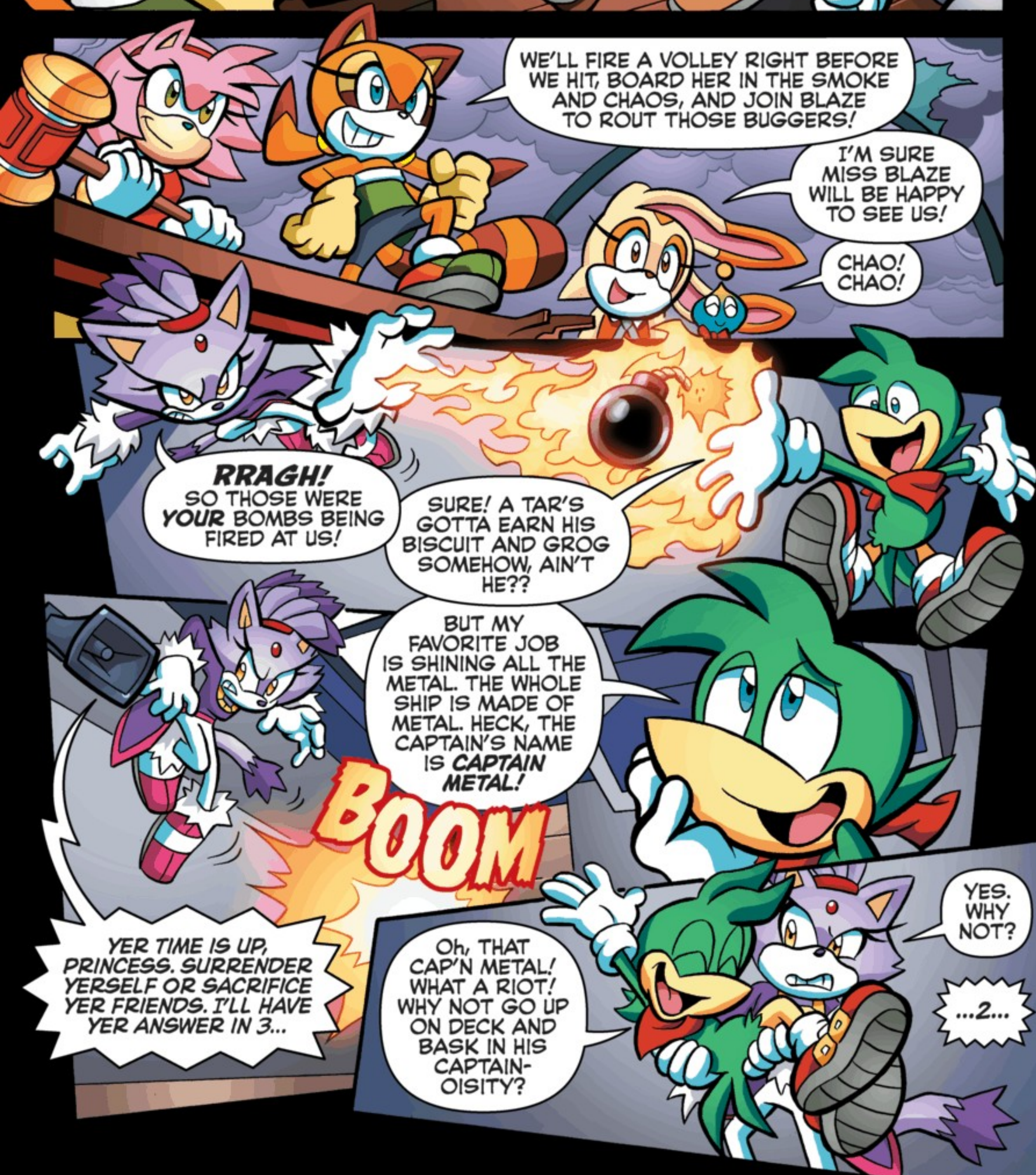
CHAO!





COCONUT CREW!
MAN THE LIFEBOATS
AND SET SAIL FOR
HOME! WE'LL TAKE
IT FROM HERE!

DON'T NEED
YOU LUBBERS
TRIPPIN' ME
UP ANYHOW.



WE'LL FIRE A VOLLEY RIGHT BEFORE
WE HIT, BOARD HER IN THE SMOKE
AND CHAOS, AND JOIN BLAZE
TO ROUT THOSE BUGGERS!

I'M SURE
MISS BLAZE
WILL BE HAPPY
TO SEE US!

CHAO!
CHAO!

RRAGH!
SO THOSE WERE
YOUR BOMBS BEING
FIRED AT US!

SURE! A TAR'S
GOTTA EARN HIS
BISCUIT AND GROG
SOMEHOW, AIN'T
HE??

BUT MY
FAVORITE JOB
IS SHINING ALL THE
METAL. THE WHOLE
SHIP IS MADE OF
METAL. HECK, THE
CAPTAIN'S NAME
IS **CAPTAIN
METAL!**

YER TIME IS UP,
PRINCESS. SURRENDER
YERSELF OR SACRIFICE
YER FRIENDS. I'LL HAVE
YER ANSWER IN 3...

Oh, THAT
CAP'N METAL!
WHAT A RIOT!
WHY NOT GO UP
ON DECK AND
BASK IN HIS
CAPTAIN-
OISITY?

YES.
WHY
NOT?

...2...

...1.

I'M HERE.
HOLD YOUR
FIRE.

WELL, WELL,
WELL, THE
PRINCESS AT
LAST...

YOU SEEM TO
BE FAMILIAR WITH
ME, THOUGH I'M
HAPPY TO SAY
I'M UNACQUAINTED
WITH YOU.

FWOOM

THAT'S A
BAD KITTY!
VERY, VERY
BAD!

YOU HAVE A GEM
THAT BELONGS TO ME.
RETURN IT NOW AND I
WILL SPARE YOUR
SHIP AND CREW.

THAT'S
A GOOD
OFFER,
CAP'N. BUT
I'D GO FOR
CURTAIN
NUMBER
TWO.

AYE, A GOOD
OFFER. LET ME
MAKE ONE IN
RETURN.

OOOOOOOh,
THE
MYSTERY
BOX!

VEEEEEEE WUMP

THAT'S
RIGHT, BLAZE!
IT'S A BRAND
NEW **LASER
CANNON!!**



MISS AMY, DO YOU THINK THAT REALLY BIG GUN IS SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT?

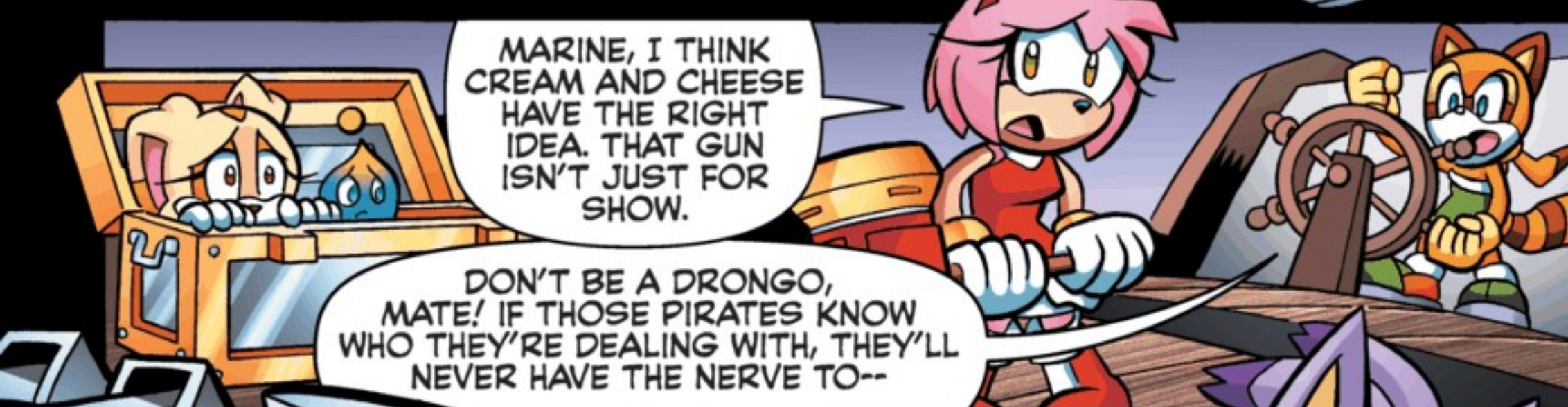
IT'LL BE OKAY, CREAM. YOU AND CHEESE FIND COVER.



YOU SAID THAT YOU'D SPARE THEM IF I GAVE MYSELF UP!



I LIED.



MARINE, I THINK CREAM AND CHEESE HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA. THAT GUN ISN'T JUST FOR SHOW.

DON'T BE A DRONGO, MATE! IF THOSE PIRATES KNOW WHO THEY'RE DEALING WITH, THEY'LL NEVER HAVE THE NERVE TO--



FIRE!

NO!

KWA-THOOM

AW, COME ON, CAP'N! I MEAN, THAT EXPLOSION WAS **AWESOME!** BUT I THINK YOU MIGHT'VE HURT THE CAT LADY'S FEELINGS BY MERCILESSLY BLOWING HER FRIENDS TO SMITHEREENS!

WELL, I'M RIGHT SORRY TO HAVE SUNK YER FRIENDS...

BUT YOU DID GIVE YERSELF UP **AFTER** I'D COUNTED YER TIME UP! A CAP'N HAS TO MAKE GOOD ON HIS WORD AND KEEP STRICT DISCIPLINE.

IT'S ME DUTY, Y'SEE.

...MY DUTY...

...MY FRIENDS...

»sniff-sniff« SOMETHING'S COOKING. IS THAT **DUCK** I SMELL?

TSSSS

Sonic the Hedgehog is running through a field of fire. He is looking back over his shoulder with a determined expression.

OUCHA-MA-GOUCHA!

Miles Prowler the Badnik is standing in a large fire. He has a smug, confident expression on his face.

LET ME TELL YOU OF DUTY, CAPTAIN METAL.

Miles Prowler the Badnik is shown from a side profile, standing in a large fire. He is looking towards the right.

MY DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE SOL EMERALDS AND THIS WORLD. YOU HOLD THE LAST EMERALD I SEEK.

Miles Prowler the Badnik is shown from a side profile, standing in a large fire. He is looking towards the right.

INDEED I DO. DRAWN TO IT, I WAS. I HAVE BIG PLANS FOR IT. BIG PLANS FOR YOU AS WELL, IF YOU'LL BE A NICE KITTY AND TOE THE LINE.

A black silhouette of a cat is shown in a pool of fire. The cat has a mischievous expression.

COOPERATE WITH A FILTHY PIRATE?!

A black silhouette of a cat is shown in a pool of fire. The cat has a mischievous expression.

Oh, NO. YOU'LL PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID TO MY FRIENDS. YOU'LL PAY FOR KEEPING THIS WORLD IN JEOPARDY BY STEALING THAT GEM.

A close-up of Miles Prowler the Badnik's face. He is surrounded by flames and has a menacing, determined expression.

YOU'LL GIVE ME MY EMERALD NOW, OR I CAN PRY IT FROM YOUR CHARRED REMAINS. EITHER WAY, YOU... WILL...



BURN!

FOCUS,
BLAZE.
FOCUS!

BEGGIN'
YER PARDON,
MUM.

KLONG

BURN? MAYHAP
I SHALL IN DUE TIME.
BUT NOT WHILE YE BE
LETTIN' YER FEELIN'S
CONTROL YE.

A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE,
I'VE BEEN GIVEN ALREADY. I'M NOT
SPOILIN' T'SEE IT END SO SOON
YET, LASSIE. NOR WILL I SQUAN-
DER THAT CHANCE ON PETTY
PLUNDER OR MEAGER
VISIONS.

ssssss

A full-page comic book illustration featuring Captain Metal Rebuilt Rapscallion, a large, imposing robot with a black and orange body, a blue visor, and a blue cape. He is holding a large, glowing red gemstone in his right hand. In the background, a smaller character with green hair and a blue and white striped shirt is visible, looking up at the robot. The background is a dark, industrial setting with blue energy lines.

GRAND ARE
MY PLANS FOR THIS
SOL EMERALD, FAIRRR
PRINCESS. AND FOR THE
OTHER SIX EMERALDS
YOU HOLD AS WELL.

**CAPTAIN METAL
REBUILT
RAPSCALLION**

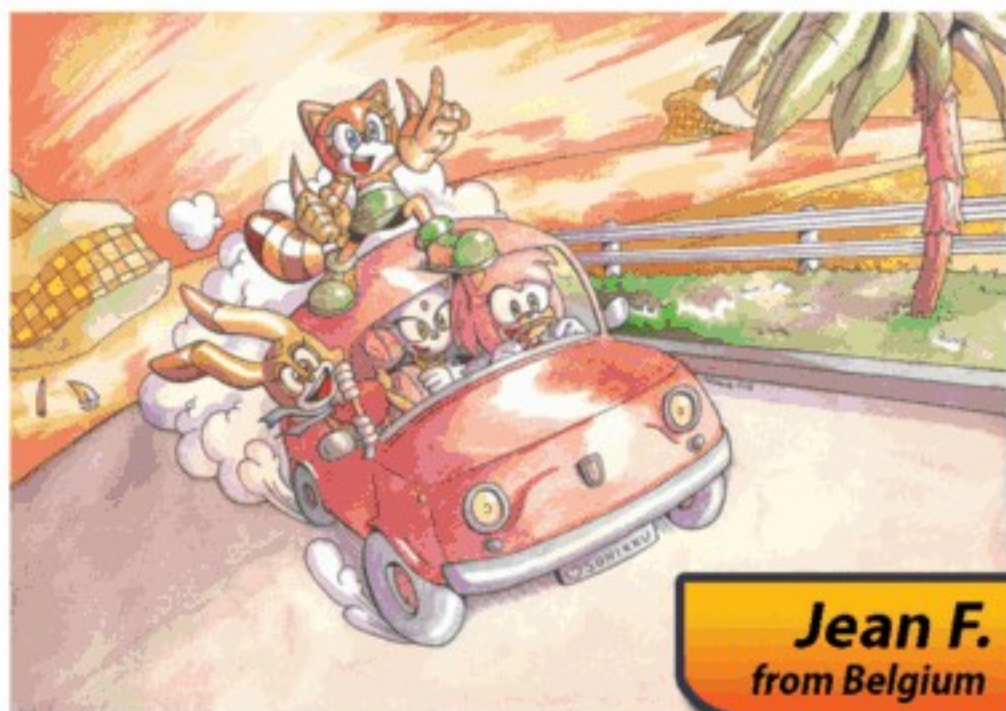
ARRRRRR!

THUS ENDS THE FIRST CHAPTER
OF OUR TALE, ME HEARTIES!
WHAT BLACK DEEDS DOES
CAPTAIN METAL HAVE IN STORE?
ARE BLAZE'S FRIENDS SUNK
TO THE BRINY DEEP? CAN
BEAN GO ANY FARTHER
'ROUND THE TWIST? COME ON
DECK WHEN THE NEXT WATCH
IS CALLED IN
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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

How are you guys keeping up? Releasing an issue of Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic Universe, AND Mega Man™ every month must be a lot of work. I just have a few questions, so here they are.

You've got questions, we've got Sonic! ...and answers too of course!

1) How much fan mail do you get, and do you try to read all of it?

We get A LOT and you can bet we read A LOT! There isn't a day we don't get a letter or piece of fan art from awesome fans like yourself, but since there is so much we can't respond to each and every one. We'd love to, but we wouldn't be able to keep up!

2) Will you be making more stand-alone issues of Sonic Universe that focuses on individual Sonic games?

We will be doing a brand new Sega game adaptation very soon of Sonic Lost World in the Sonic Super Special Magazine! There may also be a certain mobile game adaption appearing in the next Sonic Super Digest... However, game adaptations in Sonic Universe are not out of the question! :)

3) I've noticed that Sonic has been in every issue of Sonic the Hedgehog. Has there ever been an issue of Sonic the Hedgehog without Sonic himself in it?

Sonic is always there! He doesn't always hedgeHOG the spotlight, but it is his book after all!

That's all, so thanks for taking the time to read this. Tell everyone in Soinc's world and the staff at Archie Comics that I said hi!

Anton N. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing in, Anton! We'll pass the "hi" around!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hi, I'm Marian and I like reading your comics. I'll have the usual. When I went to summer camp last year, this boy called me "Miss Sonic" 'cause I read Sonic too much. I am not in love with Sonic or anything, but they say it's true 'cause I have over 40 issues. What should I tell them? Well, I will write to you again later.

Marian J. from Texas

Thanks for the letter, Marian! Hmm. Well, if you ask me I'd say that you can never read TOO many Sonic comics! You should tell them why you like them so much, they'll probably wanna read too! Stand proud and be the awesome Sonic fan you are! See you next month for part two of PIRATE PLUNDER PANIC!

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